

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County)

Chairman: Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Supervisor ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, July 16, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:05 p. m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. Mark D. Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex-officio was not present.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and copy of Agenda of this Committee meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Mims called the meeting to order. She asked Councilmember Spooner to lead in the invocation.

Councilmember Spooner led the Committee in Prayer.

Chairman Mims read the first item on the agenda; Mr. Alan R. Roberts, Berkeley County Veteran's Affairs Service Officer, Re: Approval of monument honoring veterans of Berkeley County.

Mr. Roberts asked the Committee for the opportunity to erect a monument beside the Court House. Mr. Roberts reported he had already spoken with Mary P. Brown, Clerk of Court and Frank Carson, County Engineer, and has their approval. The monument would be of no cost to the County, the veteran's association will fund the project.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to approve erecting a Veteran's Monument at the Court House. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Mims read the second item on the agenda. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer, Re: Cross Recreation Department request in regard to Spiers Landing.

Mr. Carson explained to the Committee the Cross Recreation Department had requested the use of Spiers Landing facility for organized sports. Mr. Carson displayed to the Committee a drawing of the facility with a football field on it. He further explained the final approval would have to come from Santee Cooper. He indicated the Recreation Department has already requested the approval from Santee Cooper, and was assured if the County approved, the facility would be made available. Mr. Carson introduced two gentlemen from Cross Recreation Department, Mr. Robert Haynes, 343 St. Julian Dr., Cross, SC, 29436 and Mr. Wilford Jefferson, 1070 Viper Rd, Pineville, SC, 29468.

Mr. Haynes explained to the Committee the Cross Recreation Department was established in 1996, and has great support from the community. This organization has grown beyond expectations. Therefore, they are in need of a facility to accommodate the growth. Mr. Haynes asked for permission from the Committee to use the Spiers Landing Facility.

Councilmember Spooner asked who would bear the liability if something happened? Is there a contract drawn up between the County and Spiers Landing.

Mr. Haynes indicated the children must show proof of insurance before registering. If one does not have insurance, it is made available to the student. Mr. Haynes explained that next season's students would be charged a fee to cover liability on each child.

It was moved by Council Member Pinckney and seconded by Council Member Richardson to allow Cross Recreation Department to use the Spiers Landing Facility as a youth sport field. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Next item on the agenda, Mr. Alvin Burch, Executive Director of Burch Community Trade Center, Re: Additional information per Council's request.

Mr. Burch addressed the Committee seeking a letter of support to involve the non-profit organization in the Tri-county area. They are interested in building affordable housing at the rate of \$40.15 per square foot. This opportunity will provide training for people at risk, who do not succeed in traditional education training, and who do not have marketable job skills.

It was moved by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Pinckney to approve a letter of support be granted to Burch Community Trade Center. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to adjourn the Committee on Community Services. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.